



# Public Notice

## ND Medicaid Program

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2018, the rate methodology used to pay providers who serve individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities in intermediate care facilities will transition from a retrospective, cost-based reimbursement system to a client-focused, fee for service system. The new methodology uses standardized rates by service type and bases staffing levels on assessed client needs. This change is expected to be cost-neutral.

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2018, the North Dakota Medicaid state plan will be amended to add substance use disorder (SUD) treatment to the Other Licensed Practitioners section. This change will also ensure all SUD treatment programs are licensed through the Department's Behavioral Health Division (BHD) licensing rules. A section was also included to ensure that licensed addiction counselors providing services on tribal land are not required to have licensure in order to bill services to Medicaid. This change is not expected to have a fiscal impact as the services are already covered under Rehabilitation Services.

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2018, the ND Medicaid state plan will be amended to update and clarify the services covered under Rehabilitation Services and the providers who can enroll to render those services. The amendment will also provide needed clarification in the difference between substance use disorder treatment and partial hospitalization psychiatric services to ensure division staff and providers understand the services and requirements. The amendments are intended to provide clarification and are not expected to have a fiscal impact.

Effective for dates of service on or after June 1, 2018 the North Dakota Medicaid state plan will be amended to clarify that ND Medicaid will enroll Registered Nurses to provide skilled nursing services to Medicaid-eligible children who have an approved Individualized Education Program that recommends skilled nursing services. The Registered Nurses must be either employed by or under contract through a school and the school shall bill North Dakota Medicaid for the skilled nursing services rendered by the Registered Nurses. The estimated cost is not significant as ND Medicaid currently includes nursing services as an allowable school-based health services.

Fee schedules for services are on the Department of Human Services website at:  
<http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/provider-fee-schedules.html>

Comments can be sent to and viewed at: Medical Services Division Room 309, ND Department of Human Services, 600 E Boulevard Ave Dept. 325, Bismarck, ND 58505-0250. Questions may be directed to the local county social service office, or individuals may contact the ND Medicaid Program at 1-800-755-2604.

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